

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, on January 22, 2005, all athletic teams at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau became Redhawks when the new Redhawks mascot, Rowdy, was introduced just prior to the men's 5:00 p.m. tipoff; and

**Whereas**, a dignified ceremony was held on October 22, 2004, to retire the Indian and Otahkian nicknames and to pay tribute to the thousands of athletes who competed for Southeast Missouri State University as Indians and Otahkians; and

**Whereas**, Southeast Missouri State University unveiled the new Redhawks logos and wordmarks in November 2004; and

**Whereas**, representative organizations such as Student Government, Faculty Senate, National Alumni Council, Booster Board, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and the Athletic Committee recommended that Southeast Missouri State University make an athletic nickname change; and

**Whereas**, the red-tailed hawk is the most common broad-winged hawk in North America and is native to the Southeast Missouri region; and

**Whereas**, a hawk is a powerful bird of prey that is majestic in the way it flies and can be seen flying over the Missouri River around the Cape Girardeau area:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty greetings to Southeast Missouri State University Redhawks mascot, Rowdy, and in wishing him and all of his faithful followers the best of luck in all their new endeavors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Rowdy, Southeast Missouri State University Redhawks new mascot.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Nathan D. Cooper  
District No. 158

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker